

Wasco County Library Service District  
Board meeting  
March 21, 2023  
Location: The Dalles, and via Zoom

**Board members attending:** Vicki Thomas, Mary Beechler, Tina Coleman, Corliss Marsh

**Library staff attending:** Jeff Wavrunek, Valerie Stephenson

**Meeting called to order:** 4:31 p.m.

**Minutes:** No changes necessary, Mary Beechler moved to approve, seconded by Tina Coleman

**Visitors and interested parties:** None

**Director's Reports:**

**Maupin:** Patron use of the library was up quite a bit this February with a 44% increase over February 2022. As of March 6<sup>th</sup>, Valerie is officially finished with grad school and will receive her diploma for a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science in May. March 14<sup>th</sup> was International Pi day, celebrating mathematical pi (3.14159). Libraries love STEM so Maupin celebrated by offering free slices of pie in the library. Nancy Wesson is teaching a De-clutter workshop in the library that is very popular and will possibly lead into other related programs in the future. Alex Zerbe, magician, comedian, juggler, entertainer will be performing March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the community room at 2:30. Alex has appeared on America's Got Talent and Last Comedian Standing. This family friendly program will appeal to all ages. March 30<sup>th</sup> Ruth Miller will be presenting her program "What's Happening in the World & What Can We Do About It..." which is part of a series that she is doing with the South Wasco Alliance. The program will be in the library at 5:00pm. April 1<sup>st</sup> the library in co-sponsorship with the City of Maupin, The Maupin Dig and Hoe Garden Club, and the Oregon Extension Office, will host the first South Wasco Garden Expo from 11-2 in the library and community room. There will be a seed exchange and multiple vendors/garden experts available for presentations and information. Kids activities will be available as well for families.

**Dufur:** Not available

**The Dalles:** On March 1<sup>st</sup> the Community Read for the *Hobbit* started. The library gave away about 230 Hobbit books to patrons. Some Hobbit events included a Second Breakfast, Elf Ears Craft, Floor is Mt Doom (games), and Bag End Wreath. Some make and takes related to the Hobbit were the Wreath Fellowship Silhouette Canvas and the Clay Hobbit Door Pendant. An event unrelated to the Hobbit was the start of a 6 week “Write the Novel” workshop on March 6. Traveling Lantern presented “Sword and the Stone” on March 11. And lastly, today we had “An Afternoon of Science with OMSI.” The library was densely packed with families most of the day exploring science through some awesome hands-on activities. Union negotiations continue for the contract covering the next 3 years. As mentioned before, the 23/24 budget will not be finalized until contract negotiations are complete.

**New business:** The story dispensers were received and staff is busy learning the hardware and software, while continuing to solicit content for them from students at local schools. Maupin and Dufur will soon be receiving their story dispensers.

**Old business:** There was discussion regarding the administration fee the city charges The Dalles Library and also about city and library responsibility regarding library capital improvements. Library Board members agreed that Corliss Marsh should speak about these issues and the IGA at the next city council meeting. A letter covering these issues and delivered to the city manager was endorsed.

**Financial review:** Financial overview was acceptable.

Next meeting will be at the Maupin Library on April 18, at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Corliss Marsh, Chairman

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Mary Beechler, Vice Chairman

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Vicki Thomas, Board Member

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Tina Coleman, Board Member